

Instructions for Harvester Catch Form

A. Harvester Information:

- **Year:** Enter year of harvest. Use one form per year.
- **Name of Harvester:** Print name legibly.
- **State License Number:** Enter state license number.
- **Vessel Name:** Enter name of boat.
- **Phone:** Enter a phone number where you may be reached if the form has not been filled out correctly.

B. Negative Reports: If you DID NOT HARVEST any species for one or more months:

- In the box in the upper right-hand corner of the form, check the month(s) you did not harvest. Note: Do not fill out negative reports for future months unless you are sure you will not be harvesting at that time.
- ****Shrimp harvesters:** If you fill out a positive report during the shrimp season for something other than shrimp and you did not fish for shrimp that month, a separate negative report specifically for shrimp needs to be filed; to do this, check the lower most box in this section.

C. Positive Reports: If you did harvest marine species in a month:

- **Month:** Check the month of the harvest.
Note: Fill out a separate form for each month you harvested.
- **Day:** Enter harvest day.
- **Crew (No):** Number of people including the captain.
- **Gear:** Using the gear code list provided (see Table 1), enter the three-letter code for the type of gear used. In the **Qty** column, enter the number of pieces of gear used. For example, if you are using 2 gillnets, enter "2" here. *Shrimp Trappers: enter the total number of traps you hauled that day.*
- ***Sets (No):** Enter the number of sets or tows. *Shrimp Trappers: enter the total number of strings you hauled that day.*
- ***Set time (Ave Hrs):** Enter the number of hours your gear fished.
- ***Depth (Fa):** Enter the depth of the gear in fathoms.
- **Lat/TD1 and Lon/TD2 (Or Harvest Area):** Enter the latitude and longitude (deg/min/sec) or loran bearings of the area harvested. If you do not have catch coordinates, enter the name of the area harvested. For example, "Boot Cove."
- **Time (At Sea):** Estimate the total harvest time in hours. This includes travel time to and from the harvest location.
- **Species:** Using the species code list provided (see Table 2), enter the four-digit code for the type of species you harvested. *Seaweed harvesters: after the four-digit code, include the letter "A" if the seaweed was attached or "D" if it was detached.*
- ***Length:** This column is for halibut harvesters only. Enter the length of Atlantic halibut from the tip of the head to the tip of the tail. Please record sub-legal fish (<36") caught and released. If you tag a sub-legal fish, not the tag number in the "pounds" field or comment section.
- **Pounds:** Enter the estimated pounds of the catch. *Seaweed harvesters: enter wet pounds.* If reporting a dressed weight, make note of that in the comments section.
- **Use:** Enter the use code for the catch (see Table 3).
- **Town (Port):** Enter the port where the catch was landed. *For intertidal fisheries (seaweed and horseshoe crab): enter the town where the species was harvested. If you harvested in different towns on the same day, use separate records for each town.*

D. Signature: Sign.

E. **Other Comments:** If you harvest a species or use a gear that is not included on these lists, note it in this box. If you need more forms, note it in this box.

*** Indicates intertidal fisheries (seaweed and horseshoe crab) do not fill out this field.**

****Shrimp harvesters are required to submit one report for each boat licensed.**